Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond – USD August 2021



Strategy

Swan Ultra Short-Term Bond is the UCITS version of our Fixed Income Conservative risk profile. The strategy invests in a highly diversified buy and hold portfolio of liquid short-term fixed income securities, with an average maturity of 1 year. Target Return is 3 months LIBOR + 150 bps.



High Reward

Performance

Fund Assets (mln): 0.37% 417.1 € 27.93% 1 Year Std Dev: 0.66% 4.13% USD 127.93 % of positive months: 83%





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Global market picture

During August, European credit markets experienced a positive performance (H9PC Index +0.37%), in tandem with the movement of the Eurostoxx 50 (+2.62%) and S&P 500 (+2.90%). US and international data releases missed forecasts, as highlighted by CESI indexes that turned negative for the first time since March 2020. Spreading of the COVID-19 Delta variant raised concerns that global recovery could slow: US consumer confidence fell sharply below estimates, followed by weaker than expected reports on retail sales, with economist revising down US growth for 2021 at 6.2%. With regards to tapering, minutes from the FED's July meeting showed disagreement among officials, though a majority believe that taper could begin later this year, with Jerome Powell confirming during his Jackson Hole speech that "if the economy evolve broadly as anticipated, it could be appropriate to start reducing the pace of asset purchase this year". Germany's inflation rose to 3.4% in August, its highest level since 2008, intensifying discussions about Eurozone's ultra-loose monetary policy and its consequences, even if the ECB expects this year surge in inflation to be only transitory. In this context, the 10 years bund yield was higher at -0.38% (+8bps in the month), in tandem with the 10 years Treasury at 1.31% (+9bps in the month). Gold was substantially flat at 1814 \$ per ounce, while oil was down at 73 USD per barrel, reflecting concerns on slowing China recovery. We think that this is still an interesting entry point for our strategy: current YTM gives us confidence on the capability to generate positive performance in line with targets during 2021; average maturity of the bonds in our portfolios is still around 1 year and should help reduce volatility in case of new episodes of market stress.

Yield-type strategy

The bucket generated a gross positive contribution to the monthly performance, with 90% of the positions (94 out of 104) contributing positively. The YTM remains attractive and conditions are always interesting in the short-term part of the credit curve. The average life of the yield-type portfolio is very short (10 months or 0.82 of spread duration), combined with a gross yield of 1.93% (in EUR) and z-spread of 240 basis points.

	Period	Class C*	Class A	Portfolio info	
	MTD	0.41%	0.37%	# of Securities	148
	YTD	2.18%	2.08%		
6	months	1.39%	1.31%	% Weight	97.96%
	1 year	4.17%	4.13%		
	2020	3.96%	3.84%	Int Dur	0.20
	2019	3.90%	3.94%		
	2018	2.91%	2.66%	Yield (gross)	1.93%
	2017	2.68%	2.43%		
	2016	3.13%	2.88%	Spread Duration	0.82
	2015	0.88%	0.63%		
	2014	0.78%	0.53%	Z-spread	240
	2013	3.11%	2.86%		
	2012	3.11%	2.86%		
	2011	0.52%	0.27%		

^{*}Class A adjusted for management fee difference used for periods before Class C inception.

FX breakdown (fully hedged)		
	USD	59.03%
	EUR	15.13%
	NOK	15.83%
	SEK	6.13%
	CHF	1.38%
	GBP	2.50%
	AUD	0.00%
	TOTAL	100.00%

	Geographic breakdown	
)	EU	13.14%
	US	1.28%
	Oth DEV	38.76%
	LATAM	1.59%
)	EMEA	26.72%
	ASIA	18.51%
)	TOTAL	100.00%
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Rating breakdown

AAA		0.00%
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A		0.00%
BBB		10.50%
	tot IG	10.50%
BB		26.77%
В		17.64%
CCC		0.92%
	tot HY	45.33%
NR		44.16%
TOTAL		100.00%

Services	27.07%
Real Estate	23.58%
Banking	12.62%
Basic Industry	5.75%
Financial Services	5.06%
Consumer Goods	4.01%
Leisure	3.13%
Telecommunications	2.89%

2.66%

2.17%

Sector breakdown - Top 10

Automotive

Agency

Bloomberg: class A: CBSBAUH LX, class C: CBSBCUH LX ISIN: class A: LU0698400198, class C: LU0698400354

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